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COMDT COGARD PLEASE PASS COMPACAREA HONOLULU AND SANFRANCISCO

ADM MCCLELLAND

CINCPAC FOR ADM WEISNER

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR OTRA (BROWN, COMMANDER STAN)

SUBJ: PATROL CRAFT FOR FIJI

REF: A)STATE 015395 B)STATE 0&;&19 C)SAA 1071

D) SUVA 185 (NOTAL)

1. IN VIEW APRIL 15 AVAILABILITY CUT OFF DATE FOR PATROL CRAFT FOR FIJI, GOF DECIDED SEND NAVAL LIAISON OFFICER COMMANDER STAN BROWN TO U.S. TO SEE MINESWEEPERS IN LONG BEACH. COMMANDER BROWN WISHES VISIT LONG BEACH AND HONOLULU AS FOLLOWS:

LONG BEACH MARCH 10-13

HONOLULU MARCH 17-19

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GOF DESIRES TO KNOW WHETHER COAST GUARD AND CINCPAC CAN

HANDLE COMMANDER BROWN S VISIT TIMES PROPOSED. PLEASE REPLY TO EMBASSY TELEGRAPHICALLY BY COB 5 MARCH.

2. IN HONOLULU COMMANDER BROWN DESIRES PAY CALL ON ADMIRAL WEISNER. HE EXPECTS RAISE POSSIBILITY USN VESSELS VISITING OTHER PORTS IN FIJI DURING FUTURE VISITS. SPECIFIC PORTS WILL BE MENTIONED. COMMANDER BROWN ALSO HOPES BE ABLE SEE USN AND/COAST GUARD SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS IN HONOLULU AS CONDITIONS THEIR SIMILAR TO THOSE IN FIJI. THIS ASPECT OF TRIP WILL BE PURSUED IN FURTHER DETAIL UPON HIS ARRIVAL HONOLULU.

3. IN LONG BEACH COMMANDER BROWN WANTS SEE TWO COAST GUARD MINESWEEPERS. HE EXPECTS BE ABLE DIVE DOWN AND INSPECT SHIPS HULLS, GO ON TRIAL RUN AND DO "TECHNICAL MACHINERY INSPECTION". A CALL ON ADMIRAL MCCLELLAND WAS CONTEMPLATED HOWEVER SHIFTING OF VESSELS (REF B) PRECLUDES SUCH A CALL. PLEASE ADVISE EMBASSY OF NAME AND LOCATION CONTACT FACILITY IN LONG BEACH FOR VIEWING MINESWEEPERS.

4. COLONEL MANUELI, COMMANDER ROYAL FIJI MILITARY FORCES WILL FOLLOW THROUGH ON HIS ITINERARY AS OUTLINED IN SUVA 185, EXCEPT FOR SUBSTITUTING LONG BEACH FOR SAN FRANCISCO. COLONEL MANUELI WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH NAVATTACHE AMEMBASSY LONDON AND/OR U.S. RECEPTION CENTER NEW YORK FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON WHO TO CONTACT AT LONG BEACH FACILITY.
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